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OF LEFT ATRIAL APPENDAGE
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 27,
2004 applicants respectfully request reconsideration and
allowance of the above-identified patent application in view
of the following remarks.